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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet 1 and 3 of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 and 3 and replaces the original sheets.

Figs. 1 and 3 have been labeled as Prior Art.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (2 pages)

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Figures 1 and 3 have been labeled as prior art in order to obviate the rejection.

Paragraph 1 has been amended as per the examiner's suggestion.

Claim 21 stands objected to due to informalities. In response, claim 21 is amended herein.

The indication that claims 1 through 16 and 19-21 are allowed is appreciatively noted. The indication that claim 18 is allowable is also appreciatively noted. The limitations of claim 18 have been incorporated into claim 17 herein. This should obviate the rejection.

In response to the reasons for allowance, it is agreed that the limitations recited in those reasons for allowance are not taught or suggested by the part of record or the admitted prior art and that certain independent claims are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least those reasons. Applicant does not concede, however, that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowable claims, that the limitations excluded from the reasons for allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the

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limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter. For example, other claims including different limitations are independently patentable over the cited prior art.

A notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

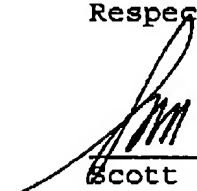
Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. It is believed

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no fee is due, however, please apply any other charges or
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Respectfully submitted,

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